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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, holding the subject matter of invention I (claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47) to be patentably distinct from that of invention II (claims 12-19 and 40-48), or invention III (claim 49), Applicants hereby elect the invention of invention I (claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47) for further substantive examination. Claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47 read on the elected species.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (*i.e.*, inter alia, nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103) from the elected group

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of claims, the Examiner is requested to ensure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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